

## ***Region VI RICC Meeting***

### ***South Central Human Service Center***

***December 10, 2007***

<b>Present:</b>	Linda Heinrich	Keith Gustafson
	Lisa Martens	Rose Greer
	Jane Van Ray	Marcia Schneider
	Cindie Richman	Tammy Hoggarth
	Donene Feist	Theresa Will
	Connie Lilleford	

### **Report from Core Group**

#### **1. Transition Experienced Parent:**

Discussion on the use of Transition Experienced Parents took place. Cindie recently met with the special education directors that SCR KIDS serves. Some special education units want to share Transition Experienced Parents as they don't feel they have enough kids transitioning in any one year.

There was also some discussion about the need to train TEP's regarding their special education units eligibility criteria for Part B services. Marcia suggested that the TEP's be included in their respective special education units fall orientation that each usually hold for new and existing employees on policies, changes in law, etc.

#### **2. 2.7/2.9 summer meetings:**

Rhoda Young is going to schedule all summer transition meetings by May 1st for her special education units so staff can be contracted to do these when they are due.

State guidelines are set, but interpretation of these guidelines is up to each special education unit. Keith is going to do his own study to track some kids who received Part C services, but who don't qualify for Part B services, and see how they progress between the ages of 3 – 5 without receiving services. (Note - \*In Oregon, Part C determines outcomes for children coming into Part C and exiting Part C so that their progress can be measured).

Cindie is going to ask each special education unit in her Infant Development area what their eligibility criteria is. There are different plans being used by some special education units for kids who don't qualify for IEP's (i.e. speech intervention plans, 504 plans, etc)

There was some question regarding what the ages are for 504 plans.

Keith will look into authoring a statement addressing the concern we have regarding the various criteria for Part B eligibility in the various special education units. He will bring this to a RICC meeting to look at and discuss prior to sending it to Bob Rutten at the state department.

### 3. CHILD FIND activities:

Tammy Hoggarth and Cindie Richman are scheduled to do a Child Find inservices at three of the clinics in Jamestown. There was some discussion that maybe public health nurses and Healthtracks programs could be inserviced, too. In some counties, public health nurses and Healthtracks are in the same office, but not in all of the counties in this region.

### 4. Update on Compliance monitoring for Region 6:

There was discussion of combining our old 5 year plan with the current one year plan. The format of the one year plan is lengthy and difficult to understand and reworking it into our previous format would make it easier to track our Region's progress. The group agreed to select a committee to rework this. Cindie, Linda, Lisa, Donene, Keith and Marcia will make up this group.

### 5. Committee membership:

Some resignations and additions have been made in our RICC membership. Changes were given to Marcia, who will redo the list and disseminate it with the minutes.

### 6. Quarterly case reviews:

Feedback we have gotten on the case reviews that our region has completed quarterly is that each file needs to be corrected if there were items that were not in compliance. In order to give staff time to do this, case reviews will be done **every other quarter**. During the "off" quarters, files that have come up as non-compliant, will be corrected so they are in compliance.

Each region will have to go back and "fix" the files that have already been reviewed since we began this process.

## 7. Other:

We have previously discussed the possibility of having our RICC meetings over polycom. After some checking into this, IVAN's are an option, but due to the school's intense use of them, it would be hard to find a time to schedule them

The money for the Family Connections Conference has been cancelled for 2008. The monies have been given to Pathfinder's to provide training and support the new requirements by OSEP. The Pathfinder's annual conference will be held in May, 2008.

The next Region 6 RICC meeting will be: **FEBRUARY 11th, 2008 at 11:30 at the SCHSC. Mark your calendars now!**